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September 29, 2023

Application to quash or strike plaintiff's Notice to Admit is granted.

SO ORDERED.

NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

October 13, 2023 Dated:

New York, New York

VIA ECF

Re:

Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald United States Magistrate Judge **United States District Court** Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

20-CV-2666 (NRB)

Our File: 710-1108 Dear Judge Buchwald:

We represent third-party defendant Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison") in this action.

Francis P. Quinn, Jr. and Lori A. Quinn, plaintiff v. City of New York, et. al., defendant/third-party plaintiff, v. Consolidated Edison, Inc., third-party defendant

We respectfully submit this letter motion seeking to quash plaintiffs' Notice to Admit, dated September 5, 2023, which plaintiffs' counsel served on the undersigned at our office on September 11, 2023. The Notice to Admit is attached to this letter motion as Exhibit "A".

Your undersigned respectfully requests the Court strike and/or deem a nullity plaintiffs' Notice to Admit for the following reasons:

- Plaintiffs' counsel did not serve the Notice to Admit on the City. Indeed, the City is 1) not a named recipient. The City has confirmed to me that they did not receive the Notice:
- The address stated in the Notice does not exist; and most importantly, 2)
- 3) The timing of the Notice is inappropriate given:
  - Pursuant to your Honor's August 25, 2023 Decision granting the City's request for permission to make a motion for summary judgment pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, your Honor concluded additional discovery was not necessary before the City filed its motion, but if that proved not be the case, further discovery may be raised after the City's motion has been filed.
  - Your Honor deemed inoperative any discovery schedule set by Judge Koeltl b. in 2020; and

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c. This Honorable Court granted Con Edison a Stay in this action from answering and/otherwise engaging in discovery pending the City's motion for summary judgment.

Furthermore, given the Release from plaintiffs to Con Edison pursuant to their settlement in the prior action, plaintiffs cannot and should not be permitted to seek any further discovery from Con Edison in connection with pursuing their claims in this subsequent action. Plaintiffs had ample opportunity to obtain the information requested in their Notice to Admit in the prior action against Con Edison pursuant to FRCP, Rule 26(b)(2)(C).

Accordingly, your undersigned respectfully requests the Court quash or strike plaintiffs' Notice to Admit dated September 5, 2023 as to Con Edison and/or deem same a nullity. Alternatively, your undersigned respectfully requests permission to make a motion for a Protective Order pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26(c).

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia D. Manashirov, Esq. (SDM 5307)

SDM:vm Enclosure

cc: VIA ECF

The City of New York 100 Church Street New York, New York 10007

Joseph Napoli, Esq. Napoli Shkolnik PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiffs 360 Lexington Avenue, 11th Floor New York, New York 10017 Exh. A

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Attorneys for Third-Party Defendants Consolidated Edison, Inc. 99 Park Avenue New York New York 10016 (212) 286-8585 FRANCIS PAUL QUINN, JR., and LORI ANN QUINN,

Plaintiffs.

Docket No.: 20-cv-2666

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK and THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Defendants.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK and THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Third-Party Plaintiff(s)

Third-Party Action

NOTICE TO ADMIT

-against-

CONSOLIDATED EDISON, INC.,

Third-Party Defendant(s)

**PLAINTIFFS,** FRANCIS QUINN, JR., and LORI QUINN hereby request that third-party defendant CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC., Admit:

- 1. That Consolidated Edison performed maintenance or repair work on the south side of 6th Avenue at the intersection with East 53rd Street, State of New York, County of New York at any time between July 3, 2016, through July 3, 2019. See the attached photograph depicting the above referenced area and work.
- 2. That Consolidated Edison performed maintenance or repair work on the south side of 6th Avenue at the intersection with East 53rd Street, State of New York, County of New York at any time between July 3, 2019, through July 3, 2020. See the attached photograph depicting the above referenced area and work.

**PLAINTIFFS** reserve the right to amend and/or supplement the foregoing disclosures as may become necessary during the course of discovery.

Dated: New York, New York September 5, 2023

Yours, etc.,

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Docket No.: 20-cv-2666 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW	YORK
FRANCIS PAUL QUINN, JR., and LORI ANN QUINN,	
Plaintiffs,	
-against-	
THE CITY OF NEW YORK and THE NEW YORK CITY DITRANSPORTATION.	DEPARTMENT OF
Defendants.	
PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE TO ADMIT	
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To Attorney(s) for Defendants	
Service of a copy of the within  Dated: Attorney(s) for Plaintiff	is hereby admitted.
Sir:	
☐ Please take notice that the within is a (certified) true copy of aduly entered in the Office of the Clerk of the within named Court on	, 20
□ Please take Please take notice that an Order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the Hon. one of the Judges of the within named Court, at □ a.m./ □ p.m.	on, 20